

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at 225 Swanston Street, Melbourne on Monday, 15th November 1982 commencing 4 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr. J. N. Black
Mr. B. H. Macintosh
Mr. J. Mitchell
Mr. M. Rundle
Mr. E. J. Long
Mr. J. Rigby
Mr. B. Greer

President

Employment Co-operatives
Development Adviser.

Apologies for absence received from:

Mr. W. W. Rawlinson
Mr. O. J. Slattery
Mr. T. Gill

Executive Officer

2. MINUTES

10.ii

Employment Co-operatives Development Programme

of the minutes of the meeting 18th October 1982 was discussed. It was then resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 1982, and the Committee's recommendations from the meeting held on 18th October 1982, were accepted with the exception of 10.ii, which would be discussed with the Executive Officer, Mr. Rawlinson.

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MATTERS ARISING

3.i

Minute 3(iii) 20/9/82 - Directors' Manuals

No further developments at this stage.

3.ii

Minute 8 - 20/9/82 - Legislation

Mr. T. Long reported that the Advisory Council had no objections in principle to anything in the Legislation submission from the Co-operative Federation of Victoria requesting amendments to the Co-operation Act 1981.

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Minute 5.i(a) - 18/10/82

Appeal to Minister re Grant.

A letter of reply was received from Mr. J. W. Jungwirth, Chairman of the Co-operative Societies Advisory Council in which he

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which he confirmed that \$2,500 was the extent of the money in available.

3.iv Minute 5.i(c) - 18/10/82

Submission to Premier on Duty.

No response to our submission so far.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.i From Warrnambool Co-operative Society Limited

Mr. W. Quinlan detailing a resolution of their Board to "pay a subscription fee of \$1,000 instead of the fee asked - \$1,500".

The Council resolved to accept the reduced subscription from Warrnambool Co-operative Society but that the Council feels, whereas that Society's view is understandable, the subscription system is workable in most situations.

4.ii From International Co-operative Alliance, London, i.e. Annual Returns.

Refer on to the Co-operative Federation of Australia.

4.iii From Mr. P. J. Rogan, Deputy Registrar
re Registration of Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd. - "Authorised Societies or Companies"

Council decided to leave the reply until the Executive Officer returns.

4.iv From the Minister of Employment and Training - Mr. J. Simmonds
i.e. Malvern Start feasibility study grant.

Council resolved to accept the funds on behalf of the Minister and comply with the requirements and that any extra cost involved in an audit be recouped from the advance held on trust.

4.v From Mr. J. W. Jungwirth, Chairman of the Co-operative Societies Advisory Council
re Annual Grant.

Refer to "Matters Arising" 3.iii above.

4.vi From Mr. P. F. Kirby, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Employment and Training
re Co-operative Development Programme.

Jungwirth, Chairman
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Council resolved to acknowledge the letter and indicate its support for a proposed workshop on traditional and new co-operatives and refer the matters to the Executive Officer on his return.

5. FINANCIAL

Council noted the subscriptions so far received and that fact that there would be no financial report until the next meeting due to the Executive Officer's absence.

6. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Received from Public Images Co-operative Ltd., together with the Rules and relevant affiliation dues.

Council welcomed the Co-operative into membership of the Federation.

7. INCORPORATION OF THE FEDERATION

Refer to "Correspondence" 4.iii above.

8. PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE

No further developments.

9. SOURCES OF FINANCE TO FUND THE FEDERATION

No further developments.

10. REPORTS

10.i Co-operative Societies Advisory Council

Refer to "Matters Arising" 3.i above for the only matter for this meeting.

10.ii Employment Co-operatives Development Programme

Mr. B. Greer reported that an additional \$250,000 had been allocated to the Co-operative Development programme by the Minister of Employment & Training from his Ministry's budget allocation.

Mr. Greer pointed to the planned series of Funding Committee meetings to hear all submissions for additional funding of co-operatives in the Programme, funds requested from completed feasibility studies and also some new applicants.

A request was made by Mr. B. Greer to hold elections for the three representatives nominated by the Co-operative Federation of Victoria to the Ministry of Employment and Training. The Council resolved to approve such elections and that Mr. B. Greer be appointed returning officer.

10.iii Co-operative Federation of Australia

The Council called and received a return phone call from Mr. B. Freeman, Executive Officer of the N.S.W. Co-operative Federation, in which he indicated that the N.S.W. Council had accepted the re-structuring of the C.F.A. in principle but had not decided on matters, location of office, etc. He also said that the Council would meet on 30th November to deliberate further.

The Council of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria regrets the lack of developments in this important matter.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, 17th January 1983, commencing 4 p.m.

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5.30 p.m.

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